



**Lead In**

**1** Imagine you are close to retirement. Answer the following questions.

1. Do you remember why you chose your profession?  
- it happened by accident - it was a lengthy / awkward / troublesome / controversial decision
2. Have you made a career in the field you wanted?  
- it was a well-planned career path
3. Do you regret anything in your job?  
- expected more creativity / innovation - wished to have more autonomy - seeking more strategic activities than simply operational ones - hoped to be more challenged by your daily routine - wanted more analytical work & research - was looking forward to more self-education - not achieving a better work-life balance

**Speaking**

**2** Imagine you have just graduated. Answer the following questions.

1. If you could live your life again, what would you study? What profession would you choose? Would these career choices actually satisfy your current regrets?  
- study something more creative / artistic / humanitarian / scientific
2. What is the best job in the world?  
- a job that is your passion - a job that satisfies your professional and social aspirations
3. What is the worst job in the world?  
- a job which devalues your self-esteem - a job which makes you feel depressed



The  
best job in  
the world

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Watch the video and answer the following questions.

1. What 6 positions are advertised?

- island caretaker
- chief funster
- taste master
- outback adventurer
- wild life caretaker (with Time Magazine)
- lifestyle photographer
- park ranger

2. Who can apply for the vacant position?

- anyone can be eligible (provided they are over 18)

3. Would you like to apply for any of the vacancies?

- If I didn't have family responsibilities...
- If I had just graduated...
- If I were close to retirement...



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Read the article.

1. The world will soon know who will get the "best job in the world". The position is for a caretaker to live on and look after a tropical island off the coast of Queensland, Australia. Duties include relaxing on the island, which is part of the Great Barrier Reef, and writing a blog to promote the area. Other responsibilities are to feed the fish, clean the pool and collect the mail. The job website, islandreefjob.com, tells applicants: "There are over 1,500 species of fish living in the Great Barrier Reef. Don't worry. You won't need to feed them all."

2. The successful applicant will get a salary of nearly US\$100,000 for the six months. Officials from Queensland's tourism department announced on Tuesday that they were now looking at 50 candidates. Unsurprisingly, over 35,000 people applied for the job.

3. The next stage in the selection process is to get the list of candidates down to 11. The tourism board will select ten people. Visitors to the website will choose an eleventh person. The public can look at the video applications of all 50 hopeful caretakers. The eleven lucky finalists will then fly to Hamilton Island for a formal interview. The winner will be announced on May 6, and the job starts on July 1.


4. The current shortlist of 50 includes people from 22 countries. They include dancers, chefs, scientists and students and they all want a slice of paradise. Queensland Tourism Minister Desley Boyle said there was much discussion to narrow down the list to 50. He told reporters, "it boiled down to...the motivation and professionalism of the applicants and their 'fit' with the job and Tourism Queensland".

  
**Reading**  
 for detail

**5**

Read the article. Are the following statements true or false?

- 1. The “best job in the world” is to look after a desert island. T
- 2. One of the duties of this job is to catch and cook fish. F
- 3. There are 15,000 species of fish living on the Great Barrier Reef. F
- 4. More than 35,000 people applied for this wonderful job. T
- 5. Website visitors will choose a shortlist of 10 candidates. F
- 6. Website visitors can look at the video applications of the candidates. T
- 7. All of the applicants for the best job in the world are Australian. F
- 8. Tourist officials want someone who is motivated and professional. T

  
**Vocabulary**

**6**

Match the following synonyms from the article on the left with those on the right.

- |            |             |         |
|------------|-------------|---------|
| position   | process     | method  |
| look after | select      | choose  |
| promote    | current     | present |
| mail       | narrow down | reduce  |
| applied    | fit         | match   |



## Freer practice

7 Rank the following from the hardest duty to the easiest.

- |                       |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| relaxing on the beach | reading books by the pool |
| feeding the fish      | hiking around the island  |
| maintaining a blog    | collecting the mail       |
| cleaning the pool     | answer e-mails            |



## Role play

8 Recycle new expressions and language. Practise conditionals.

### Role A

You strongly believe dream jobs do not exist.

*Wouldn't you get bored if...*

*You'd have to be very naive to think that...*

### Role B

You strongly believe dream jobs do exist.

*You should learn to change your aspirations...*

*Self-satisfaction is easier to achieve when...*

*If I were... I could*



## Lexical material

funster = person known for joking, having fun, etc.; person who creates or seeks fun, as a comedian; entertainer  
 outback = area of Australia that is a long way from the coast and the towns, where few people live  
 taste master = food | culinary critic  
 eligible = who is able to have or do sth because they have the right qualifications, are the right age, etc  
 vacancy ~ (for sb/sth) = job that is available for sb to do  
 to boil down to = to be summarised as